COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, October 30th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present—Mayor Meredith, in the chair; Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Hyman, Boyd, Becher, A. S. Abbott, city clerk, and R. Wigmore, police court clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS.

W. R. Meredith, city solicitor—A letter in reference to the sewer rate imposed on property owned by Robert Cooke on Grey street. No. 1.

Francis Love, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Hiscox—Asking that certain improvements be made on Queen's avenue opposite his residence, to prevent a flow of water into his cellar, he having suffered damage by this in the past. No. 2.

Thos. W. Tracy, barber—Asking that the Counsel consent to an assignment of the lease of John Burridge's store, City Hall, to him.

John Burridge—Privilege to sub-let the store.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that the applications be referred to No. 1 Committee, with power.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Browne, that the prayer of the petition be granted. Carried.

Mrs. Mackie—Asking the Council to reconsider their decision respecting her taxes. No. 1.

John Wilson—Claiming $30 compensation for property on Nelson and Adelaide streets, damaged by flooding. No. 2.

John R. Gosling, McFarlane Hotel—Asking permission to erect a frame addition to a barn. No. 3.

Jas. Monarch—Asking use of the City Hall on Monday, December 31, for holding an assembly. Granted.

Jane Gynam—Asking a remission of taxes for 1882 and 1883. No. 1.

Chas. A. Kingston, on behalf of B. S. Wells—Asking for a gas lamp at the north-east corner of Dundas and Wellington streets. No. 3.

CANCELING A BOND.

John McClary and 346 other freeholders of the city.—A petition asking that Mr. Jas. Durand be relieved from payment of the $5,000 bond given by him in favor of the late Chamberlain Brown.

The following deputation appeared on behalf of the petition: G. G. Magee, Wm. McDonough, B. Cronyn, D. Regan, M. Masuret, J. Christie, R. Pritchard, Jno. A. Cousins, J. W. Jones, A. Cleghorn and J. B. Laing.

Mr. Benj. Cronyn addressed the Council on behalf of the petition, which he said was approved, so far as he knew, unanimously, by the citizens.

Mr. John Christie and Mr. Cousins followed, urging the granting of the petition.

Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman.

That the City Solicitor be instructed to agree with Mr. Durand's and Mr. Glass' solicitors for a stay of proceedings in the suits against them without prejudice to the city's interests therein, and that the said solicitor be further instructed to take no further proceedings in said suits until instructed by this council.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Browne;

That the prayer of the petition for $5,000 be granted, and that the bond given by Mr. Jas. Durand be canceled.

The deputation then withdrew to consider the amendment of Ald. Becher. On returning, Mr. Cronyn said the deputation were agreed that they must ask for the granting of the petition.

Amendment carried on the following division: Yeas: Ald. Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer and Boyd—8. Nays: Birrell, Hyman and Becher—3.

A BYLAW

was read to amend sec. 97 of the consolidated bylaws of the city (1879), by exempting from the restrictions of the fire limit bylaw the G. T. R. property between Wellington and Waterloo streets.

First reading passed and second moved.

Ald. Hunt moved and Ald. Birrell seconded, that the bylaw be amended by also exempting the block bounded by Wellington, Clarence, York and King streets—that controlled by the Credit Valley Railway Company

Ald. Becher and Hunt—An amendment to the amendment that the bylaw be laid over till next meeting. Carried.

REPORT NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, Chairman: 1. That the petition of Geo. Deacon, and others, be granted, the alterations to be made at the petitioners' expense.

2. That general accounts to the amount of $1,915 30 be paid.

3. Payment of Fire Department accounts, $137 67.

4. That no action be taken respecting Ald. Boyd's motion as to the removal of hay and straw from Covent Garden market for the present.

5. Your Committee respectfully suggest to the Council the advisability of empowering them to advertise for one month for tenders for the lighting of the streets and municipal buildings for a period of five years from the expiration of the present contract next April, either with electric light or gas or both. Your Committee have lately had an interview with Mr. Wm. Duffield, the president of the Gas Company, and he strongly urged upon them the advisability of procuring new burners for the street lamps, at a cost of about 80 cents each, or $285 for the whole number of lamps now lighted. Mr. Duffield stated that the city would be the gainer thereby, as a better light would be produced and the expense for wear and tear be considerably reduced; your Committee therefore ask for instructions in this matter.

6. Attached find letter from medical superintendent of Orillia Asylum re Oates. Your Committee would recommend his removal to Strathroy House of Industry till admission can be obtained for him to the Orillia Asylum.

7. On the 17th your Committee visited the City Hospital for the purpose of inspecting the Hospital in general, but more particularly the new addition. We have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the clean and orderly appearance that every department was found in, and especially the new wing for private patients. The rooms are large and airy, and when furnished will be a great additon to the usefulness of the institution.

8. Your Committee advises the removal of the auctioneers from their present stand to that space of ground lying between the Masonic Temple and the Bazar building; and that the parties hereinafter named be granted licenses for the year as follows: Thos. Nicholson, City Arms Hotel, one bagatelle board, $20; Henry M. Lamson, one billiard table, $15; T. Doty, victualing house, $4; J. B. Broughton, victualing house, $4; Mr. Higham, victualing house, $8; P. C. Barnard, auctioneer, $20.

9. That the main building of the Fireman's Hall be reshingled on four sides of vallies, at a cost not exceeding $50.

10. That the steam fire engine "Forest City" be advertised for sale at $1,500.

First, second, third and fourth clauses passed. Fifth read.

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the clause be struck out.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment to the amendment that the Committee be empowered to purchase one dozen of the burners and test them during the coming winter.

Ald. Browne seconded on condition that one of them be placed on a new lamp at the corner of Adelaide and King streets.

Ald. Boyd's amendment carried.

Clause six and seven passed and eight read.

Ald. Hunt moved that that part of the clause referring to the auctioneers be referred back to Committee. Carried. The second part of the clause was passed.

Clauses nine and ten passed.

REPORT NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman: Passage of pay rolls, $679 47; miscellaneous accounts, $6,375 61.

2. Tenders have been received for the following sewers:

Contractor.	Talbot.	Albert.	Clarence.
Wm. Cathro........	$816	$ 722 00	$280
B. Johnston........	....	1,675 00	300
Webber & Leathorn.	....	1,549 55	....
Screaton & Gibson..	814	747 00	250
Moses Cox..........	....	590 00	....

Contractor.	Park Ave.	Gully-holes
Wm. Cathro....................	$393 20	$19 00
B. Johnston....................	470 00	25 00
Webber & Leathorn............	407 80	20 00
Screaton & Gibson.	......	19 50
Moses Cox......................	322 00	....

The tenders of Screaton & Gibson for Talbot and Clarence streets were accepted, and the tenders of Moses Cox for Albert street and Park avenue were accepted; gully holes at $19 50.

3. Re the communication from the W. C. T. U., we beg to report that the Board of Education has made the necessary arrangements for the accommodation required.

4. Would recommend that an asphalt sidewalk be placed, in accordance with the bylaw, on Colborne street, between Dundas and King.

5. That your Committee be empowered to have the interior of the City Hall frescoed, in accordance with plan or diagram submitted, cost not to exceed $400

Ald. Browne read the proposed agreement for the frescoing of the hall.

Ald. Hyman rose to a point of order.

The Mayor said the matter had not come in properly. He left the chair, which was taken by Ald. Becher.

The report was taken up clause by clause. First, second and third passed and fourth read.

Ald. Boyd said a portion of new walk was also required on Dufferin avenue, between Picton and Wellington streets.

Ald. Hyman objected, as the proposed expenditure was not in the year's estimates. He appealed to the chair on this point of order.

Ald. Becher (in the chair) ruled that the clause was out of order and should be struck out.

Ald. Boyd said he must appeal against the decision. He asked Ald. Becher to state the rule.

Ald. Becher—It is a question of law.

The chair was then resumed by the Mayor, who held that the clause was disposed of, being ruled out of order.

Clause five read.

Ald. Hyman —I rise to a point of order.

Ald. Browne—Then I appeal to the Council against your ruling.

A vote was then taken, but only Ald. Browne voted against the Mayor's ruling.

APPROACHING THE GOVERNMENT.

On motion of Ald Boyd, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Dominion Minister of Public Works that a new walk is wanted in front of the Custom House.

THE ARBITRATION.

On motion of Ald. Becher and Boyd, inttructions were given the City Solicitor in reference to the Kensington bridge arbitration.

REPORT NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hyman (chairman)—1. Recommend for for payment fire department accounts, $437 67 ; incidental expenses, $281 25 ; court house and jail, $581 85 ; stationery and printing, $79 85 ; debenture expense, $134 75 ; special readit, $169 ; coroner's inquest, $10 ; City Hall expenses, $4 40 ; insurance, $6 ; relief, $26 38 ; London Gaslight Company, $1,890 30 ; total, $3,621 45.

2. Your Committee having carefully considered clause three of your committee's sixteenth report, respectfully recommend the passage of said clause, your committee not being empowered with jurisdiction in the matter.

3. Your Committee beg to report progress in the collection of the Masonic Temple Company's bond and on the petition of Geo. Cox for allowance on 1883 taxes.

4. Your Committee beg to submit the auditors' report for the quarter ending September 25.

5. Your Committee beg to recommend that the clause in the auditors' report referring to uncollected income tax be submitted to the Solicitor for his opinion and the suggestions relating to sewers to the consideration of No. Two Committee.

6. Your Committee beg to recommend that the bondsmen of James Taylor, late tax collector, be released.

7. That the petition of Gibbons, McNab & Mulkern be filed.

Report adopted.

A PERSONAL COMPLAINT.

Mr. Benj. Nash brought a personal grievance which he had against the relief officer before the Council. Referred to No. 3 Committee.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

It was moved by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Hyman, and carried, that a free public library bylaw be prepared for submission to the people at the next municipal election.

DELAYS.

Ald. Stringer asked to allow his notice of motion re free water service to stand over till next meeting, and Ald. Hunt made a similar request respecting his notice of motion on the speed at which G. T. R. trains should run. Permission granted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Ald. Hunt—At the next meeting of this Council he will move that in addition to the block of land bounded by York, Wellington, Waterloo and Bathurst streets, exempted from the fire limits, that that block of land bounded by Wellington, York, King and Clarence be also exempted, and that a bylaw be passed covering the same.

Council adjourned for two weeks.